(b) the kinds of Do's or Dont's or safety measures to be observed for the purpose;

(c) the kind of awareness that has been created among women; and

(d) whether any NGOs have been associated with this process; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have been organizing self-defence programmes for women in schools, colleges and other institutions as also within the premises of the Crime Against Women Cell at Nanakpura since December, 2002. 15 Such programmes have been organized so far in which more than 500 women were imparted training in self-defence.

(b) The training programme is essentially designed to enhance the capability of the women trainees to defend themselves against anti-social elements.

(c) The feed-back received from those who participated in these programmes indicates that the training helped them to become stronger, both physically and psychologically.

(d) Yes, Sir. A Non-Governmental Organization 'NISHTHA', has currently been associated in Organizing these training programmes.

FIRs registered in connection with rioting and killing after Godhra incident

1473. SHRI R. K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of FIRs registered in cases of looting, arson and murders in relation to incidents of rioting and killing after Godhra train incident;

(b) the current status of such cases; and

(c) the number of persons arrested, charged, convicted or released/ discharged from the court in such case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per available information, 4,252 cases have been registered, charge sheets have been filed in different courts of law in 2,014 cases and 23,777 accused have been arrested in substantive offences. The cases are in various stages of investigation and trial.

Foreign capital investment in mining sector

†1474. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that approval has been given for foreign capital investment in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether high class technology has been introduced after according approval for capital investment in this sector and if so, the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) The Government has liberalized its Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy in the mining sector which allows foreign equity holding upto 100%, on the automatic route for all non fuel and non atomic minerals except diamonds and precious stones. This covers exploration, mining, mineral processing and metallurgy. In the case of diamonds and precious stones, foreign equity upto 74% is allowed on the automatic route for both exploration and mining operations. However, proposals seeking higher than 74% foreign equity for diamonds and precious stones are considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB). The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 has also been suitably amended to make it more investor friendly.

The FIPB, in consultation with the Ministry of Mines, has so far approved 72 proposals of FDI in the mining sector. The Indian subsidiary companies of global mining companies have taken permits for reconnaissance operations involving state-of-the-art technology for aerial, geophysical and geochemical surveys for exploring minerals.

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